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Previous References.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos.

Part B for June 49

SUBJECT

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain forest officers and with relating to the increment to Sri K. R. Venkatarao D. F. O. and sanctioning of

No. 10301 CB Dt. 16. 6. 49.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests in mysore Bangalore

27/6

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain forest officers.

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From the C.C.F. letter No. G.61-926/45 dated 16-3-48 furnishing his report on the allegations and in the circumstances recommends the postponement of next increment to Mr. K. R. Venkata Rao by one year.

1) The two charges against the officers viz. Messrs. K. R. Venkata Rao and M. Muthanna are (i) irregular grant of lands in Closepet Range and

(ii) irregular adjustment of plantation charges in Devaraihalli Range.

2) These irregularities were committed by Mr. M. Muthanna, Range Officer when Mr. K. R. Venkata Rao was the D.F.O. Bangalore. Mr. Venkata Rao was succeeded by Mr. M. A. Muthanna as D.F.O. Bangalore.

3) On the first charge Mr. Venkata Rao is absolved from the blame as it was done without his knowledge

4) As regards the second charge the C.C.F. is not satisfied with the explanation of Mr. Venkata Rao and states that he has definitely failed in his duty to conduct a thorough inspection before recording a certificate in the Field Note Book. Under these circumstances the C.C.F. recommends that the next increment

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increment should be postponed by one year.

5) Subtd. for orders. This has to be dealt with as CS as it relates to the stoppage of increments of a Gazetted officer

Gen Secy/M 31.3

6569 2/4 6 release bring up US 5/4 M 6/4

Resubtd.

7 The second charge that Mr. K.R Venkata Rao as D.F.O. failed to conduct a thorough examination before recording in the Field Note Book etc. it is respectfully submitted the whole question is being reviewed once again on the appeal petition of Mr. M. Muthanna. The connected records etc are being called for from the C.C.F. in connection with the above petition. If appld this proposal of the C.C.F will be considered along with the appeal petition that is before Govt.

C.O took action 15/4

M 15/4 8 The case is being processed afresh on the appeal petition preferred by Mr. Muthanna, Retired Ranger. This may be considered along with the appeal petition.

Gen Secy/M 15-4

9 A:- 9287 20/4. Files may be requested US 22/4

Resubtd. with the connected file Resubtd. with the connected file M 22/4

Gen Secy/M 8/5 - M 18/5

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now transferred to C.B as

of appld. the papers will be [illegible] the question of reinstating Sri M. Muttamma has been formally considered and there appears to be no necessity to pursue the question [illegible] second point. But as regards stoppage of increments, the C.B. has to take action.

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11 The whole question of Dr. Muttamma's conduct in the case (irregular appointment of plantation charges in Cooperative Bank during 1944-45) has been since re-examined, and orders are under issue recalling him to duty + treating the period of his absence as leave to which he is entitled. On major charges brought against him by C.C.F., Dr. Muttamma was deemed not guilty; it would thus be wrong, if at all, for us to question the judgment. In the circumstances it does not seem necessary to pursue the question raised by the C.C.F. in his letter. However, if deemed necessary, the present C.C.F. may be consulted

Chief Secy) 24.1

THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.
No. 3493
Date 27/1

Rec'd 26/1

The C.C.F has 12 leaves of enhancement raised a question about the integrity of the Vanniyata Kod in para 3 of his letter. The present C.C.F may perhaps be consulted.

Minister L.S.G) 28/1/49.

I) I agree with the Secy.

24/1/49

14 Draft put up for appl.

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D.F.O

Sri HLN

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Issued No. A.F 4971 Dt 16-2-49 to the C.C.F. stating that question about the integrity of K. R. Venkata Rao, D.F.O has been raised & request the favour of C.C.F's views in that matter.

Sd/- A. 28/2

From the C.C.F. letter No. G.61-926/45-8 23-3-49 furnishing his opinion and stating that Sri Venkata Rao is carrying on his duties satisfactorily.

The C.C.F. reports that Sri M. Muttanna who was held responsible for the irregularity has been exonerated and has been reinstated in service. Under these circumstances the C.C.F. states that the proposal of his predecessor in office to postpone the increment of Sri K. R. Venkata Rao deserves reconsideration. Further as Sri Venkata Rao was only a secondary party in this affair and as his work is satisfactory the C.C.F. recommends sanctioning of the withheld increment.

Ref: Paras 11-13. The present recommendation of the C.C.F is for consideration. It may perhaps be accepted in the circumstances mentioned

Sd/- 18/4

Secretary to Govt of Mysore No. ..... Date. 20/4. ..... Gen. Adm. Dept.

Sd/- 18/4

Minister L. S.)

Sd/- Thulasy 21.4

Yes Sd/- 24/4/49

THE MINISTRY FOR LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT. No. S151 Date. 24th April 1949

Secretary to Govt of Mysore No. ..... Date. ..... Secretariat General Department 7.6.49 Confidential Branch

Sd/- 26/4 Draft put up for approval. Sd/- 26.4

Sd/- 7/5 Should not this issue from CB?

Sd/- 7/5 Maybe issued from C.B.

Sd/- 7/6 For advice

Sd/- 2/6 (Dy. Sec. CB W/C)

Re: Sanction of an increment to Sri.
K. R. Venkata Rao. D.F.O.

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C.B.

Submitted.

For orders whether the draft letter put up already may be issued from C.B.

KRs
7/6/49.

Draft letter is for approval. May issue from C.B. as he is an officer in the grade of Rs. 500-50½-600.
DCMR
10/6/49

8.6.49. Gen. Secy)

11/6/49

DCMR
14.6.49

SECRETARY TO GOVT OF MYSORE
No.....
Date. 11.6...
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GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL & [illegible] SECRETARIAT
14-6-49
CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH

Issued no. 10394/C.B. dated 16.6.49
to the Ch. Conservator of Forests, approving his proposal to sanction an increment drawn by Sri. K. R. Venkata Rao, D.F.O.

No-AB7-2506

9th December 1947

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Sathe,

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain Forest Officers.

I am desired to invite reference to your D.O. No. G.61-926/45 dated 19th November 1946 on the above subject, and to state that the further report promised by you regarding Mr. K.R. Venkata Rao has not yet been received and to request that the same may kindly be expedited.

Yours sincerely,

To
D.L. Sathe, Esq., M.A., I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore City.

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AF

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Sd. Dy Mr - Pol. I - Sheriff (Continuation sheet draft form.)
Sd/-

The report re: certain allegations against Mrs K.R. Venkata Rao & M. Muthu. the C.C.F forwarded to send a report re the former and the same has not yet been received. Draft Reminder put up for appl.

Pencil: 2150 AF

1/12/47 May be approp issue

(Sgd.)
Fairweather Wheeler & Co Ltd
Secretary (or signature)
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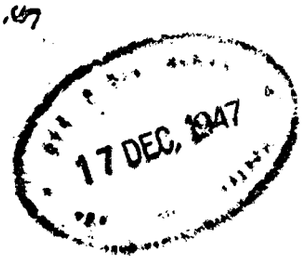
Issued D.O. Reminder to the C.C.F.
No. A.F. 2506. D. 9-12-1947
Sgd A.
10-12-1947



Confidential
D.O No. AF 2506 dated 9th Dec. 47

The C.C.F by name

Sir,

Anonymous petition containing certain allegations against certain Front Officers

I am directed to invite reference to your D.O. No. G-61-S-26/45-8 dt 9-11-46 on the above subject, and to state that the further report promised by you regarding M. K.R. Venkata Rao has not yet been received and to request that the same may be expedited

Yours &c
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AC

C. F. No. 45]

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram
phone

OFFICE OF

Chief Conservator of Forest
in Mysore, Bangalore.

No. G. 61-926/45
Encls. one

Date 16 March 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
Mysore, General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain forest officers.

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(1) With reference to your D.O. letter No.AF. 2506 dated the 9th December 1947 calling for the further report regarding Mr. K.R. Venkata Rao, I have the honour to state that the petition implicates both Ranger Mr. M. Muthanna, and District Forest Officer, Mr. K.R. Venkata Rao, in respect of two charges, viz., irregular grant of lands under Tangya System and irregular adjustment of plantation charges.

2) As regards the irregular grant of lands, the explanation of Mr. K.R. Venkata Rao was not called for, for the reason that Mr. Muthanna himself clearly admitted that he gave away the lands without obtaining the previous orders of the District Forest Officer. As a matter of fact, when the irregular grant came to the knowledge of Mr. Venkata Rao, he took objection; kind reference is invited to the correspondence ending with my D.O. letter dated 30-5-1947 making only Mr. Muthanna responsible for the irregularity and recommending his reversion to the Ranger's cadre. Thus, on this charge, the explanation of Mr. K.R. Venkata Rao is deemed unnecessary.

3) In the matter of adjustment of plantation charges, I enclose herewith a copy of Mr. Venkata Rao's explanation and state as follows:-

His statement that he "remembers that the plantation work in Kumbalagode Forest was done in two plots" cannot be accepted as no clearing had been done at all in the 2nd plot. His entire explanation amounts to (1) he had full faith in Mr. M. Muthanna (Ranger) and (2) that his successor Mr. M.A. Muthanna (District Forest Officer) called it a 62 acre plantation. The latter testimony has already

already been rejected vide my letter of even number and date (reply to para 13 of Ranger Mr. Muthanna's petition) and the former has no value. Mr. Venkata Rao has definitely failed in his duty to conduct a through inspection before recording a certificate in the Field Note Book. It shows a lack of a sense of responsibility in him, and that he deserves to be pulled up for it. I recommend that his next increment should be postponed by one year.

The connected papers regarding the irregular adjustment of plantation charges have been submitted with my letter of even number and date and they may kindly be referred to if necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

15.3.48

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Explanation of Mr. K.R.Venkata Rao, District Forest Officer Sagar.

I remember that the plantation work in Kubalgode Forest was done in two plots. The total area I am sure was not less than 60 acres even from an ocular estimate. Although I cannot definitely remember whether the area was actually measured or not since no actual measurements are noted in the Field book as was then in vogue I had no reason to disbelieve Mr. M. Muthanna the then Range Officer of the place who assured me that he had measured the area and found it to be 62 acres he having raised successfully many acres of plantation and also being then in the run for a Gazetted post being the senior most Ranger. Besides my successor as District Forest Officer, Bangalore, Mr. M.A. Muthanna has also written in one of his diaries that the area is 62 acres as per the following extract of his diary on 25-5-1945.

This day inspected Kumbalgode State Forest. Last year 62 acres were planted up with casuarina and the results obtainedwere disappointiig as not morethan 5% have survived.

This year 40 acres have been allotted and the clearing work is again going on etc.

From the above it is quite clear about the perambulation of the area and alsothere can absolutely be no doubt about the acreage of the plantation. I further belisve that no second payment has been made for this work nor any new estimate sanctioned.

Such being the case I regret how it is presumed to be otherwise now.

Dated 30-1-1948.
Sagar.

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Chief Conservator offorests.

C. No. .....
Ref. on Pet. No..... } 19 —19
App. No.....

Dis. No.

Enclosure .....

Dated.....

Approved on.....

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Signed on .....

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No. AF. 9971/16.2.49

To

The C.C.F

Docket Abstract.

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain forest officers.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. G.61-926/45 & 16-3-48 on the above subject and to state that the question about the integrity of Sri K.R. Venkata Rao has been raised in para 3 of the D.O. letter and to request your views in the matter in the light of the orders recently passed in Sri T. Ruthnaswamy's (Ranger) case. (Vide G.O.No. ... dated ...)

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Asst. Secy. to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. AF 4971 *Dated, Bangalore,* 15th Feb. 1949.
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FROM

Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
General Department.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

SUBJECT. - Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain forest officers.

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No.G. 61-926/45 dated the 16th March 1948, on the above subject and to state that a question about the integrity of Sri K.R. Venkata Rao, District Forest Officer, has been raised in para 3 of the letter and to request the favour of your views in the matter in the light of the orders recently passed in Sri M. Muthanna's (Ranger) case (Vide G.O.No. AF 4238-9/R 105-48-3 dated 25-1-1949)

Yours faithfully,

General Secretary to Government.

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AF

C. F. No. 45].

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram / phone

OFFICE OF
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. G. 61-926/45
Encls.

Date 23 March 1949.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, General Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. AF.4971/Ft. dated 15th February 1919 inviting attention to para 3 of this office letter No. G. 61-926/45 dated 16-3-1948 and requesting for my views in the light of orders passed in G.O. No. AF.4238-9/Ft. 105-48-3 dated 25-1-49 I have to state that as Sri M. Muthanna who was held responsible for the irregularity and who was the major party in the affair, has been exonerated on revision and has been further ordered to be recalled to duty, the proposal made by my predecessor in office in this office letter No. G. 61-926/45 dated 16-3-48 that increment of Sri K. R. Venkata Rao should be postponed by one year deserves in my opinion reconsideration. Sri Venkata Rao has been carrying on his duties satisfactorily without any complaints. As he has been only a secondary party in this affair, his withheld increment may be sanctioned from the date it fell due.

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Yours faithfully,

M. A. Muthanna

Chief Conservator of Forests.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

10394 | CB

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 16th June 194 9.

FROM

General

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

TO

The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, BANGALORE

SIR,

Sub: Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain Forest Officers.

With reference to the correspondence resting with your letter No.C.61-926/45 dated 23.3.1949 on the above subject, I am directed to state that in the circumstances explained by you, the increment due to Sri K.R. Venkata Rao, District Forest Officer, which was proposed to be deferred by one year may be sanctioned from the date if fell due.

Youre faithfully,

Sd: Mir Safdar Hussain,

General Secretary to Covernment.

Memo No. 10395 | CB dated 16-6-49.

Copy forwarded with compliments, to the Comptroller to Government, Bangalore, for information.

Sd: Mir Safdar Hussain,

General Secretary to Govt.

Copies to:

1) P.A. to the Minister for L.S.G.
2) A & F. Branch.

o/c

scmR 14.6.49

For General Secretary to Government.

C. No. .....
Ref. on Pet. No. ..... 19 —19 .
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Enclosure ..... nil .....

Dated ..... 16th June 49 .....

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DRAFT.

To

The C.C.F.

Docket Abstract.

Anonymous petition containing allegations against certain Forest Officers.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence resting with your letter No. G. 61-926/43-823 3-49 on the above subject, I am directed to state ~~as stated by you~~ that in the circumstances explained by you, the enquiry ~~Sri K. R. Venkata Rao was only a secondary party in this affair and as you report that he has been carrying on his duties satisfactorily without any complaints~~

P. T. O.

due to Sri K. R. Venkata Rao, D.F.O., which was postponed to be deferred by one year

~~the increment postponed by one year~~ may be sanctioned from the date it falls due

11/6/69

Memo No. 10395/CB. dated 10/6/69 from Genl. Secy. to Govt. dated 16-6-69

Copy to Comptroller

P.A. to the H. & S.G.